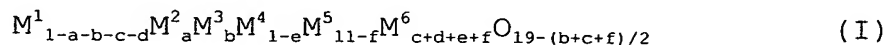


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A phosphor for vacuum ultraviolet ray-excited light-emitting elements which comprises a compound represented by the following formula (I):



(wherein M^1 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of La, Y and Gd, M^2 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ce and Tb, M^3 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Ca, Sr and Ba, M^4 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Mg and Zn, M^5 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Al and Ga, and M^6 is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Mn and Eu, and a, b, c, d, e and f are numbers satisfying the conditions of $0 \leq a < 1$, $0 \leq b \leq 0.6$, $0 \leq c \leq 0.5$, $0 \leq d \leq 0.5$, $0 \leq e < 1$, $0 \leq f < 1$, $a+b+c+d < 1$ and $0 < c+d+e+f$), respectively.